



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 458**

February Session, 2014

Substitute Senate Bill No. 417

*Senate, April 9, 2014*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PSYCHIATRIC AND SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) A psychiatric outpatient
- 2 clinic for adults, a free-standing clinic for the care or the treatment of
- 3 persons with substance use disorders, a hospital for psychiatric
- 4 disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495 of the general statutes, or a
- 5 general acute care hospital that provides outpatient psychiatric
- 6 services that is licensed in accordance with chapter 368v of the general
- 7 statutes may, under the terms of such license, provide psychiatric
- 8 services or substance use disorder treatment services at a location that
- 9 is not physically part of the licensed clinic or hospital. Such location
- 10 shall include, but need not be limited to, a physician's office, acute care
- 11 hospital or other location that is acceptable to the patient receiving
- 12 such services and is consistent with such patient's treatment plan.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	New section
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***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In section 1, the phrase "licensed clinic or facility" was changed to "licensed clinic or hospital", for internal consistency.

***PH****Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 15 \$	FY 16 \$
Social Services, Dept.	GF - Cost	Potential	Potential

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The bill could result in a cost associated with allowing psychiatric services and substance use disorder treatment services to be provided at a location other than a licensed clinic or hospital. The Department of Social Services would experience increased Medicaid costs to the extent that the recipients of such services are Medicaid eligible and this enables them to receive services they otherwise would not have. The total cost would depend on the number of eligible providers, the number of additional visits, and the rate paid for such services.

#### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 417*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PSYCHIATRIC AND  
SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT SERVICES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows certain Connecticut-licensed health care facilities that provide psychiatric or substance use disorder services to provide such services at an off-site location, including at a physician's office, acute care hospital, or other location acceptable to the patient and consistent with his or her treatment plan. Under current law, such services may be provided only at the licensed clinic or facility.

The bill applies to psychiatric outpatient clinics for adults, free-standing clinics for the care or treatment of people with substance use disorders, hospitals for psychiatric disabilities, and acute care hospitals that provide outpatient psychiatric services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/25/2014)